G. R. S. IX-5]

Previous references.

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File No. 666

Serial Nos.

Later references.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Part B for

SUBJECT.

Complaint against the Amildar of Serangapatam. &c

Ranganandi the Sri Ranganathaswami

Explanation of the Marsupt.

W D 1250—GPB—30,000 - 28-1-19

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17.18
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6563
14.6.18

Subd to the Dewan

The connected records have been called for but not yet received. In connection with an interpellation on the same subject a detailed report has also been called for from the Dr Commr

Though owing to pressure of inspection work in other districts I have not been able to visit Seringapatam to hold a detailed enquiry

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I have had talks with some of the leading Dharmadarsis interested in the temple. It would appear that the amildar's action was somewhat highhanded and he has certainly exhibited a want of tact in not having taken with him the Dharmadarsis. There is however a great deal of exaggeration in the statements of the petitioners.

A further note will be subd on receipt of the records and the report of the

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DS concurs

[illegible]
13.6.10

In continuation of the above, I beg to state that the records have since been received. A brief note on the merits of the case is submitted for the information and orders of the Dewan Bahadur (Mr. [illegible])

[illegible]
12.7.10

161/19.7

I think the Hons. Board to be asked to become in this place [illegible] and the Hons. have [illegible] the P.D. No 407-P of 2nd [illegible] 1871 of [illegible]. It [illegible] to have become [illegible] to enquire how [illegible] [illegible]. To [illegible] a [illegible] to the successor [illegible] [illegible]

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19.7.18

Subd to Dewan

Ma
18.7.18

A draft order on the subject may kindly be prepared under the directions of the First Member and brought up at a meeting of Council. Steps to be taken in order to avoid such negligence in

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future, may also be indicated.

27.7.18 AO

Received from Secy with the instruction that the other file may be put up. The Standing orders may also be placed for reference.

29/7/18.

In the connected file two draft orders, one conveying the displeasure of Govt. at the action of the auditor and remarking upon the neglect of the Dist. Officer and the other communicating the reply to the inter pellating member are put up. Instructions are requested whether any other order is required for the

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disposal of the question and if so the lines on which it should be framed may kindly be indicated. A set of rules for the custody and inspection of jewels has already been submitted for orders.

In this connection it seems to be difficult to apportion the blame between the District Officers and the Mugrai Secty, including in the latter the Mugrai Supdt's office which came into existance later

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set of new rules for the care, custody & inspection of jewellery and other valuables belonging to Government institutions, which are calculated to effect a perceptible improvement in the matter. it does not appear to me that any further action is called for on this point.

As regards the conduct of the Curator in question, it forms the subject matter of another file, which is under active treatment at present. It has been referred this day to the Surgeon Genl with some queries of mine to be answered early.

With reference to the delay there has been in connection with the preparation and

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I do not think it will serve any useful purpose to dwell upon it any further. To my mind it will be so much to ask of paper, pen & ink. Both the Muzzin & the Rev Dept have contributed towards the delay & the officers have been many in both. Some of them have retired from service since & a few of them are presumably not in the land of the living also. So it seems best to let it drop at this stage.

Peel
17.8.18

10/6
19-8-18

Dewan.

Perhaps the explanation of the present Muzzin Supdt may be placed on record & if found satisfactory, the matter dropped

28.9.18

Sesn
The M. Supdt's above [illegible]

Submitted
[illegible] 1/10/18

Extra Member

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like to have ~~[illegible]~~ panation before the 15th. Instt.

[illegible]
1.10.18

[illegible]

[illegible]
2/10/18

In explanation of my ~~apparent~~ seeming inaction I beg state that even since I took charge of the Myrai Supt's office in March 1913 the matter never to my notice in any form and I was wholly ignorant of the situation. This would certainly have been impossible if I had been able to undertake a

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Systematic inspection
of at least the more
important institutions
and their belongings during
the period. My heavy Secretary's
duties and work in con-
nection with the Mysore
Reorganization, not to
mention the Deputy's office
work, effectively kept me
down to Head Quarters.
I may also state here that
I inherited a legacy of
arrears as there was no
full time [illegible] in charge
of the Mysore Branch of
the Deputy's office [illegible]

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In fact this dear-
back was the first thing
to be noticed by the Mugrai
Committee appointed by
Govt. in May 1913 to enquire
into the working of the Dept.
and it was almost the
most important suggestion
for improvement made
by them. An Assistant
Secretary has since then
been deputed for work
under me and the working
staff of the Supt's office
has been considerably
strengthened but this new
arrangement came into
effect not from the middle

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I have in consequence been able to take up the systematic inspection and investigation into the affairs of the more important institutions, though even and owing to the time limit fixed by Govt. for placing the working of these and other institutions on a proper basis, I have had to confine my attention to the more urgent concerns relating to them. The work of investigation into their resources and requirements have been very heavy, but once this work is completed the other concerns relating to them, can be looked into

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of Dharmadass is now to be appointed but also by the under staff to be entertained by the Mugrai [illegible] to keep in the work.

I may in this connection be also permitted to point out with due deference, that under the scheme of powers and responsibilities sanctioned by Govt. in their order of Sept. 1908, the management of Mugrai institutions including the appointment of jewels appointed as Sevanthas (Rs. 1 & 9 of Part I of Appx) was reserved for the attention of the [illegible] Commr., while the Mugrai [illegible]

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was more concerned with
the ceremonial [illegible] of
the institutions. It is only
in the recent orders of Govt.
of [illegible] April 1917 that the
latter has been given the State
of the Head of his Dept. with
the power to enquire into all
questions of interest relating
to Myrsi institutions that
even now certain matters
— in the discharge of
his duties in this respect;
still require clarification —
a subject which is being
dealt with be

Under these circum-
stances I beg to repeat.

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that it was the System which has been more to blame for this apparent neglect and that it is the prevention of such happenings that is aimed at by all the elaborate rules and instructions for the management and control, the supervision and inspection of Magnai institutions which are now ready

[illegible]

I am sorry for the delay in submitting this explanation

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Has it maybe overworked

[illegible]

[illegible]

6th Nov

The explanation may be accepted & the papers recorded now.

[illegible]
9.11.18

Forward.

[illegible]
9.11.18

No. 2494
11.11.18.

I agree - It is hoped that such delays will not recur.

29.11.18 [illegible]

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N O T E.

Subject:--

The preparation and consecration of the Rangamudi crown and the festival for the celebration of its presentation to Sri Ranganathaswamy at Seringapatam.

Deputy Commissioner's yadast No.Ref.C.639 of 1917-18 dated 27th June 1918.

The connected records have been received since and a report on the subject has also been received from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, in reference to an interpellation asked in the Legislative Council.

Rubkari No.211 dated 3rd Aug.1895.
Yadi No.343 dated 15th Sept. 1895.
Rubkari No.600 dated 16th Nov.1895.
" " 767 " 21st Jan.1896.

2. The question of making an Utsava Kirita for the use of Sri Ranganathaswamy was mooted in September 1894 and sanction was accorded for an estimate of Rs.273-3-0 vide Government Order No.407-8 dated 2nd November 1894. As the work proceeded, further estimates were sanctioned from time to time and permission was granted to utilize the precious stones of some of the old jewels belonging to the temple. Thus by the 11th October 1897 a sum of Rs.575-11-0 had been sanctioned, but the crown was still incomplete and in the possession of Dharmadarsi Venkatachar. The latter applied for more funds to buy rubies and gold and a sum of Rs.125 -

was sanctioned to purchase rubies, but an account was called for before according sanction to purchase gold. This account does not appear to have been submitted and as in the meanwhile the town was infected with plague, orders were issued to take the jewel from the possession of Dharmadarsi Venkatachar and place it in Treasury custody. In pursuance of this order, the unfinished jewel and loose stones were taken charge of and nothing further seems to have been done as Dharmadarsi Venkatachar and Archak Kesava Ranga Bhatta who interested themselwes in the work died of plague soon after. The matter appears to have been brought to the notice of the Amildar Mr. Hanumanta Rao on his taking charge of the Taluk and at the desire of the devotees, he seems to have decided to have the work finished under the supervision of himself, the expenses being met by public subscription.

Rubkari No.67 dated 29th July 1898.

3. Seeing that the work had been in abeyance for more than 18 years, it would have been well if the Amildar had sought for permission to recommence the work, as that would have secured a proper examination of the unfinished jewel by his superior officers. This would have been a prudential course but he was acting against standing orders in not having taken permission

before collecting subscription and in not associating with himself either the Dharmadarsis or an independent committee of devotees. The Deputy Commissioner of Mysore considers that Mr. Hanumanta Rao deserves censure for this irregularity and adds that he has since been reverted to his permanent appointment in connection with certain other irregularities.

4. An account of receipts and expenditure was maintained by the Amildar and the total amount collected was Rs.1341-4-7 and that spent Rs.1132-14-0, the balance being deposited in Savings Bank No.1200 in the name of the Amildar. Lists of precious stones used for the crown and lying loose have also been kept and there is so far nothing to show that there has been any misappropriation.

5. As regards the allegations of high handedness and breach of Shastras, the version is highly exaggerated. There seems to have been a genuine and widespread feeling among the devotee public that the jewel should be presented to the deity in due form even in its unfinished state and the attendance at the festival seems to have been unusually large. The indiscretion of the Amildar appears to lie in his not having consulted the Dharmadarsis previously and secured their collaboration. So far as I can

make out there is no breach of Shastraic rules, as the purification and consecration ceremony which is after all a simple matter, was gone through in proper form as will be seen from the report of the office Agamiks amd there is absolutely nothing to prohibit an unfinished jewel from being worne by the deity provided a proper shape is given to it. In this instance, the jewel though requiring some finishing work is said to be presentable and is calculated to add to the prestige of the temple. There is nothing to prevent the jewel being handed over to workmen for the finishing work and the jewel being repurified before being worn by the deity.

[illegible]
12. 7. 18

MEMO

On Petitions received by the Dewan.

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7 18 Mucr

No.

Date of petition.

Name of petitioner.

Swami Daya Sagar Bhushan Charya.
Seringapatam.

SUBJECT.

Complains that owing to the high-handness of the Amildar Mr Hanumanthrao certain ceremonies were conducted in Sri Ranganatha Swamy temple in utter disregard of Shastraic rules, and sends draft of a newspaper articles for enquiry &

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Dept for necessary action. The results may be reported within a month.

12-4-18

WD A1378—GPB—500—7-1-18

To

The Dewan
Govt of Mysore
Bangalore

Sir — The Press Act now in force compells
to submit the enclosed to the notice of the Gov
and to obtain their sanction before it appe
in any of the local paper — I have done it
in obedience of the order of the Act — Plea
go thro and permit either to publish the
of the papers or as a separate pamphlet for
the information of the General public.

In my present situation I am n
doing any injustice to wound the feeling
of the politicle world. This is purely a
question of religion and pertaining to
Agamasastras — Half mordi shd not
be made use of to the Lord — If so it would
have been long ago made use of by the
persons who attempted for it —

Mr Hanumanta Rao is a person of
military nature and heirs far from civil
& judicial discretion — Heirs a man of
persistant nature and the lover of nabab
administration — The present Dewan is
dead against the nabab administration

were to the General public.

This is purely a religious question. The Lord Ranganatha of Seranganapatam contains devotees in Sreerangam, Kanch, Kumbakonam &c. If the Mysorians keep quiet they may raise objection.

The Govt may send for all the records in custody of the Sub-Div. officer about the Ranganoodi affairs at once and the kind perusal of it will serve to enlighten them. The archak, who is at the bottom of this knows nothing in Cowdi sastra and his decision is unauthorised. The Agamanpariksha of the Govt was on the 1st ag on Karigatta Hill till 7 and returned to Seranganapatam at 7-30.

The Moodi in question was in the Jahn custody till 9, anticipating the final order of the authority to celebrate the Moodi procession. In the absence of an order, the Amildar presumed that the silent is consent and celebrated the evg in the dead of night from 10 P.M. to 3 A.M. abusing the power of the magistrate & the against the mob who protested not to a celebration without finishing the work of the Moodi & necessary Samproskana to it. I beg to remain yours in the name

5-4-18

Sevanandaya Sapara Bhishma

[illegible]

[illegible]

"Several measures have been recently sanctioned for the better management of the various classes of institutions and the proper utilization of nunjayan funds. But these reforms, I must add require for their success a large measure of public co-operation. Our nunjayan institutions are numerous and their efficient management is a task beyond the unaided strength of any single Sri Vaishnava. We look, therefore, to the practical piety and vigilance of the devotees of the various institutions, to hold, to maintain them in a satisfactory condition — [illegible]

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